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SUBJ: TOGOLESE FONMIN STATEMENT ON OAU MINISTERS MEETING

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1. FONMIN JOACHIM HUNLEDE RETURNED NOV 23 FROM EIGHTH EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF OAU (REFTELS) AND ISSUED STATEMENT ON RESULTS, WHICH HE STATED WILL "CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST." HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW, BASED ON TOGO-PRESSE REPORT NOV 24.

2. MEETING BROUGHT AFRICANS AND ARAB BROTHERS CLOSER TOGETHER. ARABS EXPLAINED THAT "PROVISIONAL CEASE-FIRE NOW IN EFFECT MUST NOT DECEIVE US, THAT NOTHING IS SETTLED YET AND WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT UNTIL DEFINITIVE SOLUTION" COMES ABOUT.

3. SEVEN-MEMBER OAU COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ARAB LEAGUE, ESPECIALLY ON QUESTION OF OIL. "OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE SUPPLIED WITH MOTOR FUEL BY EUROPEAN

COUNTRIES WHO BUY THEIR OIL FROM ARAB COUNTRIES. EMBARGO ON OIL DIRECTED AGAINST CERTAIN OF THESE COUNTRIES CAN HAVE RATHER PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES FOR AFRICANS. WE MADE OUR ARAB BROTHERS UNDERSTAND (TO DO SOMETHING SO THAT WE DO NOT FIND OURSELVES PENALIZED...WE THINK COMMITTEE WE APPOINTED WILL TRY TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE WITH ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES PERMITTING THEM TO SUPPLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES DIRECTLY WITH OIL. ADDIS ABABA MEETING ALLOWED US TO START WORK ON DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARAB OIL PRODUCERS AND OAU MEMBER STATES."

4. HUNLEDE STATED MEETING FOUND CONNECTION BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST WAR AND FOREIGN DOMINATION IN AFRICA: SOME AIRCRAFT RECENTLY SHOT DOWN BY EGYPT BORE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKINGS, PROVING THERE WAS A COLLUSION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL." "WE DECIDED THAT FROM NOW ON COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN MIDDLE EAST WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO PERPETRATE ANACHRONISTIC DOMINATION IN AFRICA MUST BE PENALIZED BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES."

5. ON BEING ASKED IF AN AFRICAN FORCE WOULD INTERVENE IF PORTUGAL CONTINUES FIGHTING IN GUINEA-VISSAU, NOW ADMITTED AS OAU MEMBER, HUNLEDE SAID HE HOPES G-B HAS RIGHT TO ASK ALL MILITARY, FINANCIAL, MATERIAL HELP FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHO CAN HELP LIBERATE IT FROM PORTUGUESE; HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT MASSIVE MILITARY AID, BUT NO RPT NO DECISION HAD BEEN

TAKEN ON SETTING UP AN AFRICAN FORCE FOR INTERVENTION.DICKINSON

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